


California Olmstead Planning Timeline

August – September 2002

Community forums held throughout the state

October 1, 2002

Information from community forums due to California Health and Human Services Agency on standard feedback forms

October – November 2002

Feedback from community forums compiled by Olmstead Plan Work Group

December 2002

Olmstead Plan prepared

January 2003

Information presented to the Long Term Care Council for review

Where do I go for more information?

Please visit the Long Term Care Council's Web site for further information, the *Proposal to Host an Olmstead Forum* and tool kit, and a listing of community forums at www.chhs.ca.gov/olmstead.html



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Olmstead Planning in California:

A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

What is the Olmstead Decision?

In 1999, the United States Supreme Court issued a decision in *Olmstead v. L.C.* (512 U.S. 252), in which the court concluded that States are required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to place persons with disabilities in community settings rather than in institutions when:

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the State's treatment professionals have determined that community placement is appropriate;

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the individual does not object to community placement; and

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the placement can be reasonably accommodated, taking into account the resources available to the State and the needs of others with disabilities.

The Supreme Court also gave the states general guidance on how to demonstrate compliance with the ADA. For example, compliance may be shown if a state can demonstrate that it has a "comprehensive, effectively working plan for placing qualified persons with... disabilities in less restrictive settings, and a waiting list that move[s] at a reasonable pace."

Olmstead Planning in California

The California Long Term Care Council (the Council) will serve as the state's entity for creating an Olmstead plan. At its April, 2002 meeting the Council initiated efforts to create an Olmstead plan for California. The plan will be presented at the Council's January, 2003 meeting.

The vision for California's Olmstead planning is consistent with the vision of the Council, which is:

VISION STATEMENT

A long-term care system that supports consumer dignity and independence, fosters appropriate home and community-based services, and is cost effective.

Public Participation in the Planning Process

In order to maximize public and community input into the state's Olmstead plan, the Council is inviting organizations across the state to host Olmstead community forums. The purpose of the forums will be to obtain information on community needs, preferences, and best practices.

Feedback from the community forums will be used by the Olmstead Plan Work Group, made up of state officials and public representatives, to create the state's Olmstead plan.

Those interested in hosting a community forum are asked to submit a *Proposal to Host an Olmstead Forum*, which can be accessed at www.chhs.ca.gov/olmstead.html. Hosts will receive a community meeting tool kit which includes information on how to prepare for and conduct a community forum, a primer on the Olmstead decision, and a feedback form to return your community's input to the Olmstead Plan Work Group.

Meeting requirements include:

- ◆ Create a meeting outreach plan,
- ◆ Open the meeting to the public,
- ◆ Use accessible meeting facilities, and
- ◆ Use the standard feedback form provided to collect participant input by October 1st.

Additional information for participating in the Olmstead Plan Work Group will be posted on the Long Term Care Council Web site in September 2002.

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